

## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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### DRILLING UPDATE

Target Energy Limited ("Target") (ASX CODE: TEX) is pleased to provide the following operations update. All reported depths are below the Rotary Table (RT) on the rig floor.

#### RIVIANA FOODS #1 (TECHE PROSPECT)

**Report Date:** 9:00 pm 19/12/07 (Western Aust Daylight Time) /  
6:00 am 19/12/07 (USA Central Standard Time)

**Current Depth:** 2,940.7 metres RT

**Progress:** Condition hole. Drill ahead from 2,570.4m RT to 2,940.7m RT in 311.2mm (12¼") hole.

**Hydrocarbon Indications**

Hydrocarbon shows will only be reported after wireline logs have been run and evaluated at the Total Depth of the well. The well will take approximately four weeks to drill to the programmed Total Depth of 3,810 metres (12,500 feet).

**Primary and Secondary Targets**

Drilling at the Teche prospect will target up to 22.4 Bcfe of potential recoverable gas and condensate in Oligocene age "Bol mex 2" sands. Additional potential is recognised in a number of other sands which will also be tested in an optimal position.

Target Energy will earn a 10% Working Interest in the well (subject to completion of earning phase).

#### BEYT #1 (BAYOU BERARD PROSPECT)

**Report Date:** 9:00 pm 19/12/07 (Western Aust Daylight Time) /  
6:00 am 19/12/07 (USA Central Standard Time)

**Current Depth:** 2,815.8 metres RT

**Progress:** Run in hole with new bit. Drill ahead from 1,999.2 m RT to 2,815m RT in 251 mm (9 7/8") hole.

**Hydrocarbon Indications:**

The well will test sands in the Marg Tex section in an as yet undrilled fault segment on the south-eastern margin of the Section 28 salt dome. Various Marg Tex sands have produced commercial oil and/or gas in every fault segment tested at Section 28. The well at Bayou Berard will potentially prove up 1.8 million barrels of oil and 0.72 billion cubic feet of gas (recoverable) and will take approximately 30 days to reach its programmed Total Depth at 3,444 metres (11,300 ft). A second well will be required to fully drain these volumes.

Target has a 15% Working Interest in the Beyt #1 (Bayou Berard) well.

While operations are underway, the company will issue routine releases every Thursday or at any such time that material matters require an earlier release.

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*NOTE: In accordance with ASX Listing Rules, any hydrocarbon reserves and/or drilling update information in this report has been reviewed and signed off by Mr Laurence Roe, B Sc, Managing Director of Target Energy, who is a member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists and has at least 5 years experience in the sector. He consents to that information in the form and context in which it appears.*